

REMARKS

Claims 6, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 5, 28, 30, 32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Englert*.

Claims 5, 28, 32 are canceled.

Claim 30 has been made dependent from claim 29.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 32-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sloan (US 1,531,350)* and *Ruscitti*.

Claims 32-34 are canceled.

Allowable Claims

Claims 29 and 31 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 29 and 31 have been rewritten by incorporating therein the features of claim 28 and should thus be allowable.

Claim 30 has been made dependent from claim 29 and should thus be allowable also. The claim language of claim 30 has been amended to bring claim 30 into conformity with the language of claim 29.

New claim 35 is the equivalent of claim 30 as a dependent claim of claim 31.

Claim 6 has been made dependent on claim 29. **Rejoinder of claim 6 is respectfully requested** as claims 29 and 31 cover also the embodiment of Fig. 7.

New claim 36 is the equivalent of claim 6 as a dependent claim of claim 31.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for

allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application **by electronic mail**. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on March 22, 2008,

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